

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 19, please delete the section entitled "CROSS REFERENCES" and replace it with the following:

CROSS REFERENCES CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is related to co-filed and co-assigned ~~[[US]] U.S.~~ patent application titled "Computing System for Managing Dynamic Communities," ~~[Attorney docket # 777.210us1/Client ref. #130670.1]~~. Application No. 09/339,635, filed June 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,581,096, titled "Scalable Computing System for Managing Dynamic Communities in Multiple Tier Computing System." This application is also related to co-filed and co-assigned ~~[[US]] U.S.~~ patent application titled "Associating Annotations with a Content Source," ~~[Attorney docket # 777.2040us1 / Client ref. #124209.1]~~ Application No. 09/339,634, filed June 24, 1999.

On page 16, the paragraph beginning at line 24 should be replaced with the following:

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FIG. 5 is a diagram illustrating an example embodiment of the tier II server 304 for indexing the actual annotation body and for storing generic properties for the annotation. Associations can be sorted and indexed in any manner that makes them more usable to a user. In the example embodiment, the annotations are indexed by community. A community is a virtual and dynamic association of users. Communities and a computing system for managing communities are described in more detail in the co-filed and co-assigned application "Computing System for Managing Dynamic Communities," ~~[Attorney docket # 777.210us1 / Client ref. #130670.1]~~. Application No. 09/339,635, filed June 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,581,096, titled "Scalable Computing System for Managing Dynamic Communities in Multiple Tier Computing System."